

# ENGINE MANUFACTURERS MEET NEW ENERGY AND AIR QUALITY CHALLENGES

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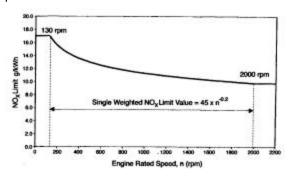
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### **International Maritime Organization** (IMO)



#### Marpol Annex VI NOx Limits



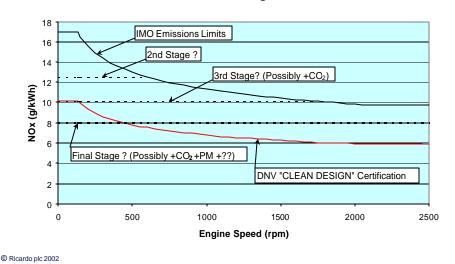
- □ Once Annex VI is ratified, all diesel engines >130 Kw in ships built for international shipping operation after Jan 2000 must comply
- □ Fuel to ISO 8217 Grade DMA, DMB or DMC. Steady state testing. Ambient 25°C, Seawater 25°C

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#### Possible future IMO NOx Regulation Reduction



### **Marpol Annex VI SOx Limits**



- □ Sulfur in HFO capped at 4.5%
- □ In SOx control area (SECA) fuel sulfur limited to 1.5% or with secondary control devices <6.0 g/Kwh emissions

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#### **Port/Local Emissions Controls**



- □ California, Scandinavia and Japan have decided that their air quality standards are not sufficiently protected by IMO NOx and SOx codes. They have imposed their own regulations to control marine emissions on a local basis. These include:-
  - Shutting down all engines and connecting to shore supply (is there enough shore supply available)
  - Using low sulfur fuel (possible lub oil additive issues where HFO replaced by distillate fuel)
  - Using exhaust aftertreatment
  - Vessel speed reductions in port area
- ☐ Incentives can include lower port fees

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### **Challenges Facing Engine Builders**



- NOx
  - High levels in performance (bsfc) optimized engines
- Particulate
  - High levels due to use of HFO
    - Sulfur 4.5% max
    - Asphaltenes
    - Ash
    - Residues from lube oil additives
  - Low load smoke
- Legislation and Standards
  - Proliferation of legislation
  - No common method of measurement of some key parameters, e.g. smoke

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### **Manufacturers Responses to NOx Reduction**



Engine Injection timing retard + higher compression ratio

+ more air

Fuel Injection System Changes to injection strategy. Rate shaping

nozzle changes

Water Addition As emulsion

Direct Injection Fumigation (HAM)

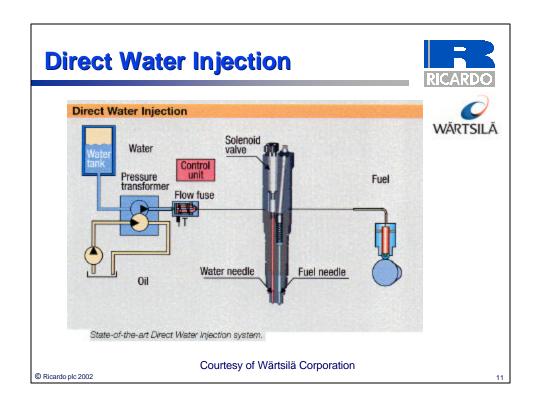
EGR not currently used due to particulate levels, but use

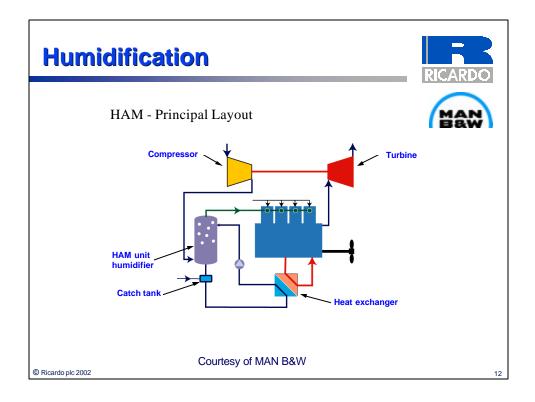
being reviewed

Aftertreatment SCR very effective

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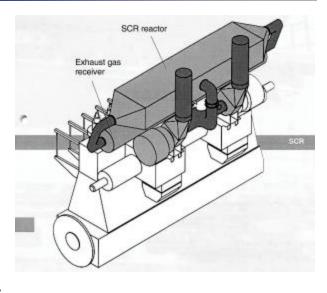
**Approximate NOx Reduction For Different Control Strategies** 100 NOx 80 60 40 20 -0 SCR IMO Injector Water Direct Water Compliance Changes Emulsion Inj. Water + EGR © Ricardo plc 2002





## SCR Installation on Slow Speed **Engine**





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### **Particulate (Smoke) Reduction**



- Problem with propulsion engines at low load, low speed
  - Due to: low injection pressure low turbo boost pressure
- Solutions
  - Common rail injection system
  - More efficient turbochargers
  - Redesigned combustion chamber
  - Use of water emulsion

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### Manufacturers Response To Particulate & Smoke Reduction



Fuel Injection System Higher injection pressures

Common Rail (CR)

Nozzle changes

Air Supply System More air at higher pressures

Base Engine Improved combustion chamber

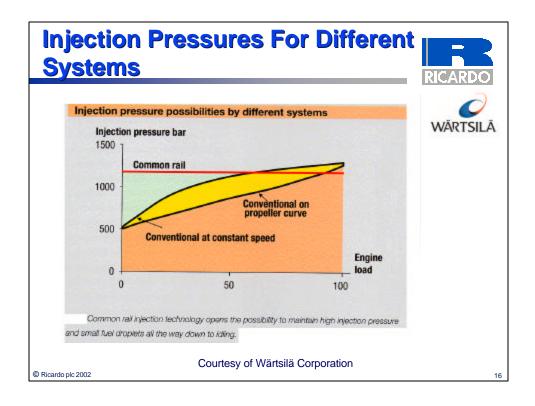
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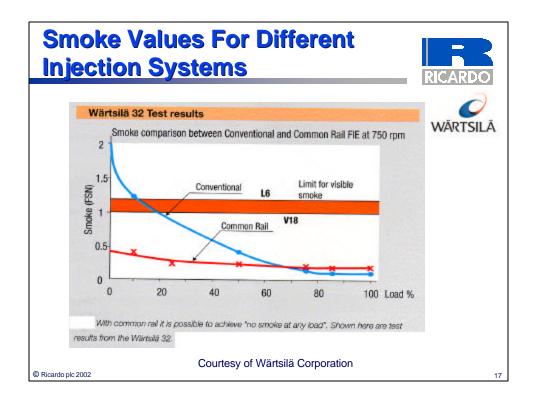
Aftertreatment Few, if any, systems in production,

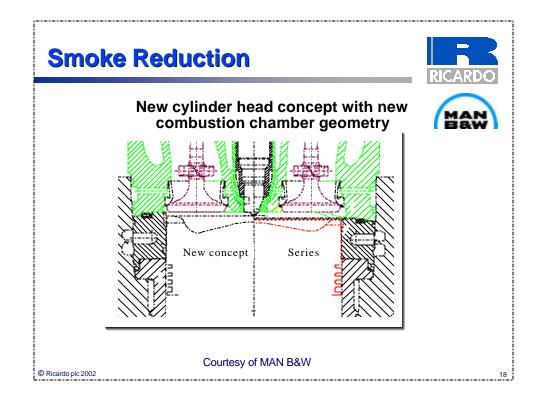
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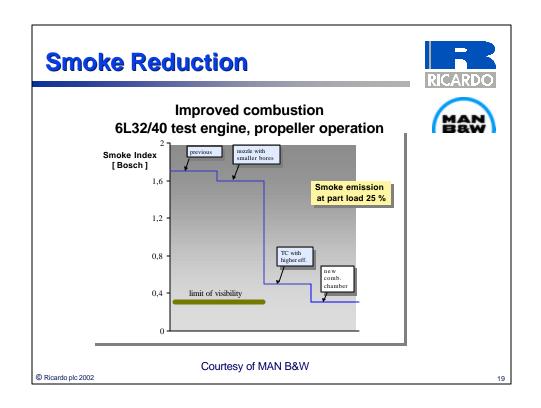
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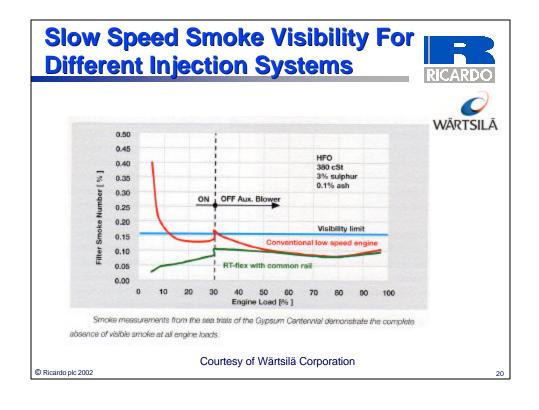
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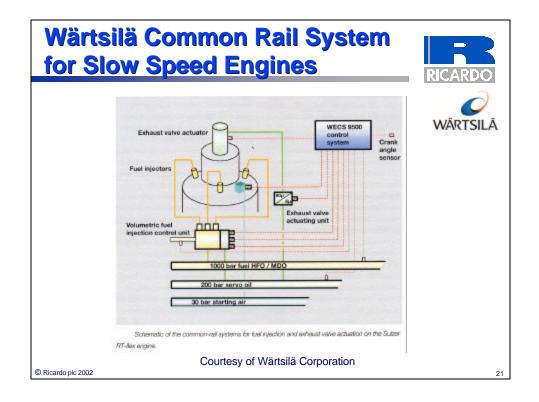


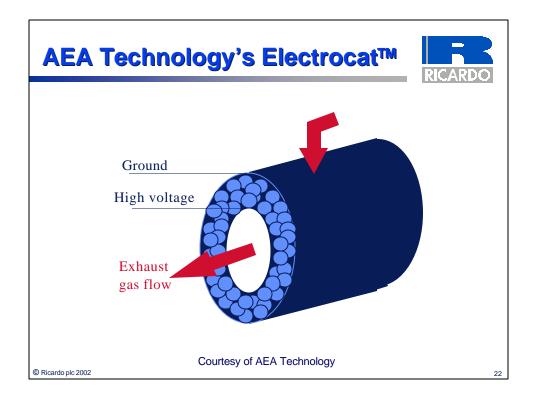












### **Energy Savings**



- Current thermal efficiency levels
  - Medium speed 45-50%
  - Slow speed 48 51.5%
- Marine installations use waste heat recovery boiler to heat process steam, further increasing efficiency
- ☐ Increases in overall engine efficiency depend on maximum cylinder pressure, turbocharger efficiency levels and fuel injection performance
- Work on reduced cooling loss combustion components can increase efficiency by up to 4%
  - Wartsila 'Hot combustion' is an example of this
  - Other similar work is ongoing
- Use of steam bottoming cycles can significantly improve efficiency but at significant cost
- ☐ Ultimately price and availability of fuel will dictate use of post-engine energy recovery devices

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### **Alternative Fuels**



- LNG carriers
  - Re-liquefaction of boil-off gas to use them in existing diesel engines is now proven technology
  - LNG fuelled oil rig supply vessel recently put into service in Norway
  - Diesel engines can be converted to run on gas, but usually have to derate by 30% or more to avoid "knock". Direct injection of gas avoids this derate but carries a significant cost and fuel consumption penalty

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### **Conclusions**



- □ Technologies are becoming available to significantly reduce NOx levels without an excessive fuel consumption penalty. However, their effect on the long term durability of the engines has still to be quantified
- □ Significant reductions in the reduction of visible smoke emissions are now possible with new technologies, but more work is needed
- Gas fuelled ships offer significant reductions in emissions levels, but their use will be restricted to coastal traffic due to fuelling restrictions
- ☐ Increases in engine thermal efficiency are possible, but the emergence of these will be driven by economics

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#### **Recommendations**



- Implementation of Marpol Annex VI needs to be concluded as soon as possible
- □ An internationally recognized body should be tasked to come up with single exhaust smoke measuring procedure that is acceptable to engine builders, legislators and users
- Engine builders and users should be encouraged to come up with retrofit packages to improve the emissions of their existing ships

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